



Austin City Council MINUTES

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - AUGUST 22, 1991
TOWN LAKE CENTER - 1:00 P.M.**

Mayor Todd called to order the special called meeting of the Council, noting the absence of Councilmember Epstein. The Mayor announced the purpose of the meeting was to hold a budget worksession. He also announced that the meeting would be recessed later in order to consider a resolution as posted on the agenda.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

City Manager Camille Barnett announced the first discussion would be on the Capital Improvements Program. The Planning Commission report was presented by Dr. Gail Gemberling.

RECESS - 1:40 P.M.

At 1:40 P.M. Mayor Todd announced the worksession would be recessed in order to consider the following:

1. Consider reaffirming the Council request to CMTA (Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority) Board of Directors to reinstate the 1/4 cent sales tax to be used to eliminate the backlog in street maintenance.

Resolution adopted on Councilmember Garcia's motion, Councilmember Nofziger's second, 6-0 Vote, Councilmember Epstein absent.

WORKSESSION RESUMED - 1:46 P.M.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - (CONTINUED)

The Capital Budget Overview was presented by Assistant City Manager Byron Marshall. Bill Stockton, Director of Public Works and Transportation, discussed and illustrated with slides Capital Improvements Planning. Debt management Issues were presented by Bill Newman. Bill Stockton then talked about Public Works and Building Services.

John Dandridge Jr., Director of Brackenridge Hospital, presented information on the proposed 1991-92 budget for Brackenridge Hospital. Manuel Mollinedo, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted his budget by listing the renovations, roof repairs, restoration and new swimming pool, as well as ball fields needed.

The Environmental and Conservation Services proposed CIP budget was presented by Austan Librach, Director of the Department. He also outlined possible land acquisition in the Barton Creek Watershed.

Director of Libraries, Brenda Branch, showed charts relating to the library budget and also discussed roof repairs needed and unfunded projects.

Fire Chief Bill Roberts told Council they have only one project this year and that is \$1.8 million for a joint-use training facility with the Austin Police Department. Concerning unfunded needs, Chief Roberts said there is dire need in three areas: Burleson-Drosset; S.H. 71-Fletcher; and Foremost-Congress, for a total of \$8.5 million.

John Moore, Director of Electric Utility, went over his proposed budget and said there will not be a bond sale. Randy Goss, Director of Water and Wastewater said his budget equals \$65.4-million. Highlights are included in the report in the City Clerk's office.

Convention Center Director Sam Driggs outlined needed improvements for Palmer Auditorium and their cost. He also discussed completion of the new convention center. The Capital program for aviation was presented by Charles Gates, Director of Aviation. Emphasis, he said, is on safety and rehabilitation plans.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Becky Gadell, Public Information Officer, highlighted their budget and answered several questions.

GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Jim Hall referred Council to their policy budget. He discussed the proposed division of his department by outlining transfer of people and services.

PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION

Bill Stockton and Jim Hall made a presentation, by means of charts and graphs. Mr. Hall's information was about areas of General Services which will be taken over by the Public/Works Transportation Department.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Joe Lessard, Acting Municipal Court Clerk, and Presiding Judge Harriett Murphy presented the Court's budget to Council by use of slides and charts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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